(d) A Letter of Intent for procurement of 28 WLRs and development of one prototype WLR by April, 2004 was placed on M/s. Bharat Electronics Ltd. in January, 2003.

Investment on infrastructural facilities by HAL

1049. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL is planning to invest about Rs. 900 crores in the next 2-3 years to set up machinery and other infrastructural facilities of Sukhoi-30, MKI, LCA and International Jet Trainer Projects;

(b) if so, the break-up of investment on different projects mentioned above; and

(c) when the Sukhoi-30 will roll out and is going to be inducted into the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Capital investment of Rs. 762.70 crore (at 2002 level) on SU-30 MKI Project and Rs. 120.64 crore (at 2002 level) on Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Project for setting up of plant and machinery, civil works and other facilities for these projects is planned by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Proposal for productionising Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) at HAL is under progress.

(c) The production of SU-30 MKI aircraft in India is planned to commence during 2004-2005.

Immortalising brave martyrs

†1050. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mention to brave martyrs, who laid their lives in the past wars, in any of war memorials in India while British Government have engraved the names of those Indian soldiers, who were killed during the Second World War, on the memorial established in London two years back in the memory of those soldiers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Government propose to engrave the names of soldiers, who laid down their lives in 1948, 1962, 1971 and Kargil war, at public places; and

(c) if so, the roadmap thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) India Gate is an "All India War Memorial" to honour all the war dead of India who fell in 1914-1918 war. Besides, there is Amar Jawan Jyoti to commemorate the unknown soldiers, who laid their lives for the country in any war. Other than that, there is no other National War Memorial at present;

(b) and (c) The issue of setting up of National War Memorial is under serious consideration of the Government. As soon as the Ministry of Urban Development allocates a suitable plot of land for the same, acceptable to the Defence authorities, the work on the project can commence in right earnest.

Shifting of IL-76 aircraft squadron to Nagpur AFS

1051. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose ot shift the IL-76 transport aircraft squadron based at the Agra Air Force Station to Nagpur Air Force Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether government propose to develop Nagpur Air Force Station to accommodate this change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Details cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.